

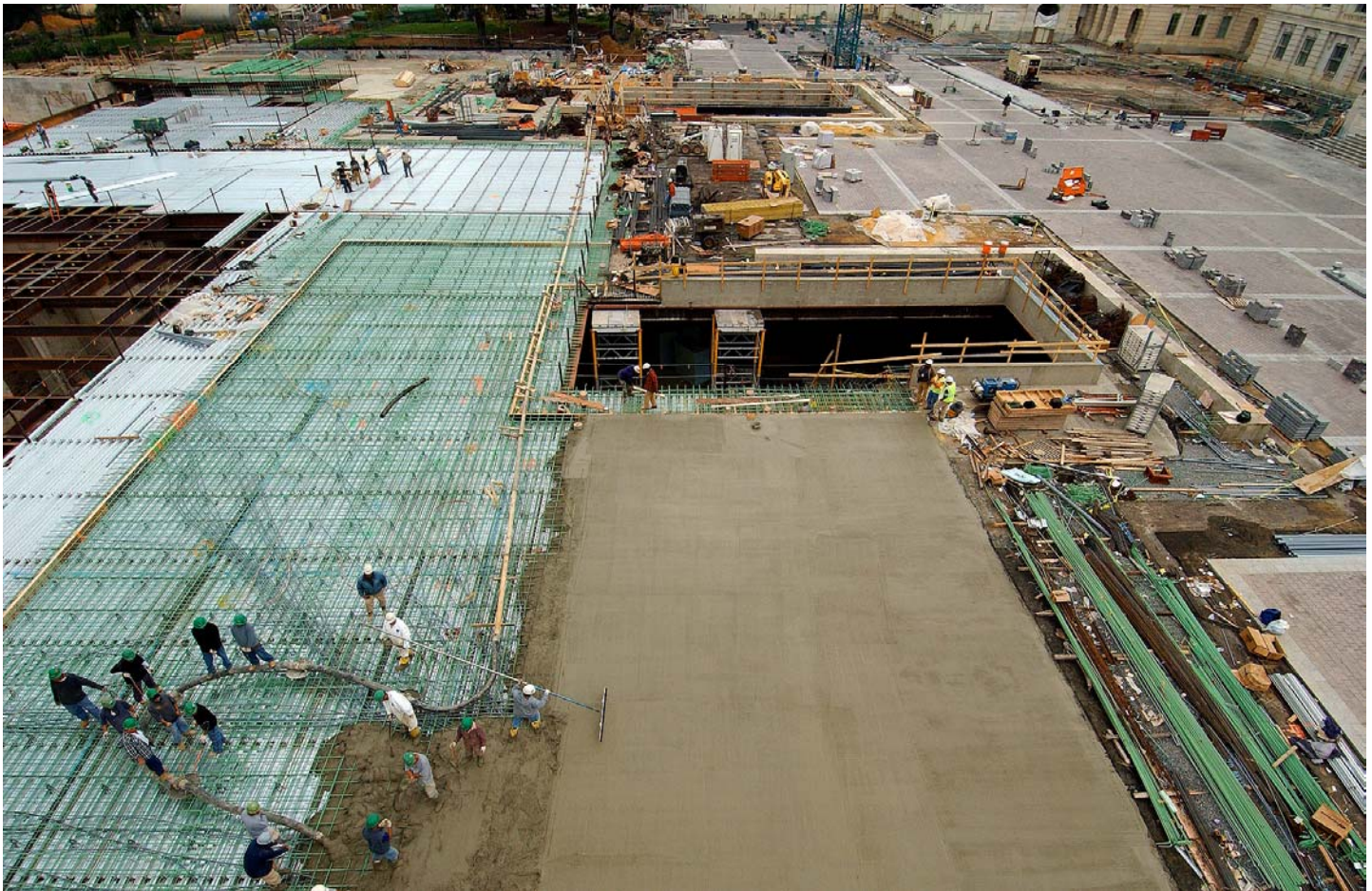


United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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A crew places concrete on the roof deck of the CVC at the northern end of the site. The two large Great Hall skylight openings can be seen in the center and top center of photo. The steel crossbeam structure above the visitor screening zone at the far left-center of the photo is the last area of the roof deck to be covered. The roof deck over the entire CVC facility will be in place by the end of October.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 10/18/04 through 10/22/04

East Front Plaza Highlights:

- Crews continue to build mechanical spaces, erect formwork, pour concrete, and install utilities throughout the site.
- Stone masons have now placed more than 78,000 8-inch square granite pavers on the CVC roof deck. The pavers will cover the western half of the CVC roof deck in time for the inauguration in January 2005.
- All structural steel beams and columns are in place for the CVC roof deck in the northeast quadrant and crews continue to install steel roof decking sheets over this last exposed area of the facility.
- More than 95 percent of the interior concrete structural walls for the visitor screening zone have been completed.
- More than 90 percent of the Congressional Auditorium's mezzanine level concrete floor slab has been placed.
- Trucks will begin delivering soil to begin restoration of the rectangular grassy areas along the western half of the East Front Plaza.
- Equipment will begin to arrive late this week for the dismantling of the tower crane on the north side of the site, expected to occur during this upcoming weekend.

East Front Extension (EFE) (Inside the Capitol)

- Crews continue to erect structural steel inside the EFE and continue with demolition activities to clear the way for elevator shafts, escalators, stairwells and new mechanical systems.
- Concrete placements will continue this week on both the north and south sides of the EFE for new air shaft walls.

- Crews will continue to demolish the Gallery-level floor slab where the ramp existed between the House and Senate sides.
- **Milestone** (from last week's summary): New structural steel now supports much of the EFE in the location of the CVC/Capitol transition zone and all of the original concrete columns in this zone (built during the 1958-62 extension of the East Front) have been removed clearing the way for visitors to flow easily from the CVC into the Capitol at the Crypt level.



Granite paving stones have now been installed over most of the northwest quadrant of the site.

Truck Tunnel Construction

- All concrete placements have been completed for the truck tunnel.
- Crews continue to backfill the area above the tunnel and have begun restoring areas along Northwest Drive.
- Crews will continue restoring the sidewalks along Northwest Drive.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- Crews will continue to place concrete (more than 60 percent complete), install waterproofing and assemble formwork for the tunnel walls along the western half of the LOC tunnel within the CVC site. The concrete slab below First Street SE has been placed.

Next Week – 10/25/04 – 10/29/04

East Front Plaza Work

- Workers will continue placing the granite paving stones on the CVC roof deck.
- Workers will continue to install utilities, build mechanical spaces, erect formwork and place concrete for the upper level floor slabs in the northeast quadrant.
- Steel crews may complete installation of the roof decking sheets for the northeast quadrant of the CVC roof deck.



A CVC crew places concrete in formwork for the tiered seating structure on the lower level of the Congressional Auditorium.

East Front Extension

- Steel crews will continue to erect steel within the East Front concrete structure. Demolition of structural elements will continue on all levels within the East Front Extension and in the Carriageway below the East Front portico.

Truck Tunnel Construction

- Crews will continue to backfill above the tunnel roof along Northwest Drive and where the tunnel passes below the Senate Plaza and at its connection point with the CVC near the Senate Steps. Restoration of portions of Northwest Drive and sidewalks will continue.

Library of Congress (LOC) Tunnel

- Formwork assembly, concrete placements and waterproofing will continue in various zones along the LOC tunnel route. Pedestrian access will continue along the east side of the work zone on First St. SE. Existing traffic patterns will continue.